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SUBJ: CCD - 709TH PLENARY MEETING, JULY 6, 1976

1. SUMMARY: GDR, CANADA, UK, AND JAPAN SPOKE IN
PLENARY. GDR MADE WIDE-RANGING BUT LARGELY UNNOTABLE
PRESENTATION; CANADA REVIEWED ITS EARLIER CW PROPOSAL;
UK INTRODUCED A WORKING PAPER ON CW ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING;
JAPAN GAVE MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT ON CW IN WHICH JAPANESE
REP ANNOUNCED THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT INSIST ON ITS EARLIER
POSITION RESTRICTING A FIRST-STAGE BAN TO SUPER-TOXIC
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AGENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. GDR REP (HERDER) GAVE TOUR D'HORIZON OF DISARMAMENT MATTERS FROM EAST GERMAN VIEWPOINT, LARGELY ECHOING SOVIET LINE. HOWEVER, AFTER PRAISING PNET AS A MAJOR ARMS CONTROL MEASURE, HERDER ASSERTED THAT "IT PROVES THAT THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IS NO OBSTACLE TO THE SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION." HE WENT ON TO CALL ON ALL NWS TO PARTICIPATE IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON THE SOVIET-SPONSORED UNGA RESOLUTION, AND, IN SWIPE AT SWEDEN'S PROPOSAL FOR SEISMIC EXPERTS STUDY, SAID THAT AS LONG AS SUCH A READINESS DOES NOT EXIST THE GDR SEES "LITTLE USE IN THE BROAD DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATION OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS." HOWEVER, HE WELCOMED DECISION OF "SOME HIGHLY DEVELOPED INDUSTRIAL STATES" TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPERTS MEETING ON MDW. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS HERDER DECLARED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF CONTROL AND VERIFICATION ARE OVERESTIMATED BY SOME NATIONS, AND THAT POLITICAL WILL IS DECISIVE FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A CW AGREEMENT. THE GDR REP ALSO INTRODUCED A WORKING PAPER ON THE CATALYTIC DETOXIFICATION OF ORGANOPHOSPHORUS CW AGENTS.

3. CANADIAN REP (SIMARD) REVIEWED CANADIAN APPROACH TO CW SET OUT IN ITS CCD STATEMENT OF JULY 16, 1974, INVOLVING A PRODUCTION BAN ON ALL SINGLE-PURPOSE (MILITARY) AGENTS ABOVE AN AGREED TOXICITY LEVEL, A PRODUCTION BAN ON IDENTIFIED SINGLE-PURPOSE MILITARY AGENTS BELOW THE TOXICITY LEVEL, A BAN ON FILLING CW MUNITIONS WITH DUAL-PURPOSE AGENTS (EXCEPT INCAPACITANTS FOR CIVIL USE), AND A PHASED DESTRUCTION OF AGREED QUANTITIES OF CW STOCKS. SIMARD STATED THAT PERIODIC REVIEW CONFERENCES AND ON-SITE VERIFICATION OF STOCKPILE DESTRUCTION WOULD BE IMPORTANT CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ON-SITE VERIFICATION OF A PRODUCTION BAN WOULD BE NEEDED OR POSSIBLE.

4. UK REP (SLLEN) INTRODUCED AND SUMMARIZED A UK WORKING PAPER ON CW VERIFICATION BY MEANS OF ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING AT A NATIONAL BOUNDARY, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT THIS TECHNIQUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOES NOT SEEM USEFUL OR PROMISING AT PRESENT.

5. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) REFERRED TO JAPANESE 1974 CW PROPOSAL, WHICH CALLED FOR A FIRST-STAGE BAN ON SUPER-TOXID AGENTS ONLY, AND COMPARED IT WITH THE APPROACH TAKEN IN US STATEMENT OF APRIL 13, WHICH INCLUDED THE REQUIREMENT THAT A FIRST-STAGE BAN APPLY TO ALL LETHAL AGENTS. HE SAID THAT IF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE CCD FAVORS THE US VIEWS,

JAPAN WOULD ACCEPT THEM AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
JAPAN DOES NOT INTEND TO INSIST ON ITS PREVIOUS POSITION.

6. ON MEASURES TO BE INCLUDED IN AN AGREEMENT COVERING ALL LETHAL AGENTS, JAPANESE REP SAID IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BAN PRODUCTION FIRST, POSSIBLY COUPLED WITH AN AGREED REDUCTION IN STOCKPILES. HE SAID THAT VERIFICATION WOULD REQUIRE "THE COMBINED USE OF SUCH INSTRUMENTS AS MONITORING DEVICES ON THE ONE HAND AND ON-SITE INSPECTION ON THE OTHER HAND FOR SUCH LIMITED PURPOSES AS ENSURING THAT OBSERVATION BY INSTRUMENTS IS NOT OBSTRUCTED." FURTHER, HE SAID THAT JAPAN WOULD SOON HAVE TO CALL ON STATES POSSESSING CW AGENTS TO MAKE A POLITICAL DECISION ACCEPTING SUCH ON-SITE INSPECTION.

7. AS AN AID IN COMPARING CW AGENTS, OGISO RECOMMENDED FORMULATING TOXICITY CRITERIA BASED ON AN AGENT'S LETHAL DOSE FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF TEST ANIMALS (LD 50). HE SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A TASK COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS WHO. TO ACCOMMODATE NEW CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS AND FUTURE SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS, HE SUGGESTED THAT A CW CONVENTION WOULD REQUIRE PERIODIC REVIEW CONFERENCES.

8. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8. ABRAMS

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